

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By \_\_\_\_\_

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 672,  
2 Page 24, Section 192.310, Line 7, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "262.960. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Farm-to-School Act".

5 2. There is hereby created within the department of agriculture the "Farm-to-School  
6 Program" to connect Missouri farmers and schools in order to provide schools with locally grown  
7 agricultural products for inclusion in school meals and snacks and to strengthen local farming  
8 economies. The department shall designate an employee to administer and monitor the  
9 farm-to-school program and to serve as liaison between Missouri farmers and schools.

10 3. The following agencies shall make staff available to the Missouri farm-to-school program  
11 for the purpose of providing professional consultation and staff support to assist the implementation  
12 of this section:

13 (1) The department of health and senior services;

14 (2) The department of elementary and secondary education; and

15 (3) The office of administration.

16 4. The duties of the department employee coordinating the farm-to-school program shall  
17 include, but not be limited to:

18 (1) Establishing and maintaining a website database to allow farmers and schools to connect  
19 whereby farmers can enter the locally grown agricultural products they produce along with pricing  
20 information, the times such products are available, and where they are willing to distribute such  
21 products;

22 (2) Providing leadership at the state level to encourage schools to procure and use locally  
23 grown agricultural products;

24 (3) Conducting workshops and training sessions and providing technical assistance to school  
25 food service directors, personnel, farmers, and produce distributors and processors regarding the  
26 farm-to-school program; and

27 (4) Seeking grants, private donations, or other funding sources to support the farm-to-school  
28 program.

29 262.962. 1. As used in this section, section 262.960, and subsection 5 of section 348.707,  
30 the following terms shall mean:

31 (1) "Locally grown agricultural products", food or fiber produced or processed by a small

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1 agribusiness or small farm;

2 (2) "Schools", includes any school in this state that maintains a food service program under  
 3 the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by the school;

4 (3) "Small agribusiness", as defined in section 348.400, and located in Missouri with gross  
 5 annual sales of less than five million dollars;

6 (4) "Small farm", a family-owned farm or family farm corporation as defined in section  
 7 350.010, and located in Missouri with less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars in gross sales per  
 8 year.

9 2. There is hereby created a taskforce under the AgriMissouri program established in section  
 10 261.230, which shall be known as the "Farm-to-School Taskforce". The taskforce shall be made up  
 11 of at least one representative from each of the following agencies: the University of Missouri  
 12 extension service, the department of agriculture, the department of elementary and secondary  
 13 education, and the office of administration. In addition, the director of the department of agriculture  
 14 shall appoint two persons actively engaged in the practice of small agribusiness. In addition, the  
 15 director of the department of elementary and secondary education shall appoint two persons from  
 16 schools within the state who direct a food service program. One representative for the department of  
 17 agriculture shall serve as the chairperson for the taskforce and shall coordinate the taskforce  
 18 meetings. The taskforce shall hold at least two meetings, but may hold more as it deems necessary to  
 19 fulfill its requirements under this section. Staff of the department of agriculture may provide  
 20 administrative assistance to the taskforce if such assistance is required.

21 3. The mission of the taskforce is to provide recommendations for strategies that:

22 (1) Allow schools to more easily incorporate locally grown agricultural products into their  
 23 cafeteria offerings, salad bars, and vending machines; and

24 (2) Allow schools to work with food service providers to ensure greater use of locally grown  
 25 agricultural products by developing standardized language for food service contracts.

26 4. In fulfilling its mission under this section, the taskforce shall review various food service  
 27 contracts of schools within the state to identify standardized language that could be included in such  
 28 contracts to allow schools to more easily procure and use locally grown agricultural products.

29 5. The taskforce shall prepare a report containing its findings and recommendations and shall  
 30 deliver such report to the governor, the general assembly, and to the director of each agency  
 31 represented on the taskforce by no later than December 31, 2015.

32 6. In conducting its work, the taskforce may hold public meetings at which it may invite  
 33 testimony from experts, or it may solicit information from any party it deems may have information  
 34 relevant to its duties under this section.

35 7. This section shall expire on December 31, 2015.

36 348.407. 1. The authority shall develop and implement agricultural products utilization  
 37 grants as provided in this section.

38 2. The authority may reject any application for grants pursuant to this section.

39 3. The authority shall make grants, and may make loans or guaranteed loans from the grant  
 40 fund to persons for the creation, development and operation, for up to three years from the time of  
 41 application approval, of rural agricultural businesses whose projects add value to agricultural

1 products and aid the economy of a rural community.

2 4. The authority may make loan guarantees to qualified agribusinesses for agricultural  
3 business development loans for businesses that aid in the economy of a rural community and support  
4 production agriculture or add value to agricultural products by providing necessary products and  
5 services for production or processing.

6 5. The authority may make grants, loans, or loan guarantees to Missouri businesses to access  
7 resources for accessing and processing locally grown agricultural products for use in schools within  
8 the state.

9 6. The authority may, upon the provision of a fee by the requesting person in an amount to  
10 be determined by the authority, provide for a feasibility study of the person's rural agricultural  
11 business concept.

12 [6.] 7. Upon a determination by the authority that such concept is feasible and upon the  
13 provision of a fee by the requesting person, in an amount to be determined by the authority, the  
14 authority may then provide for a marketing study. Such marketing study shall be designed to  
15 determine whether such concept may be operated profitably.

16 [7.] 8. Upon a determination by the authority that the concept may be operated profitably,  
17 the authority may provide for legal assistance to set up the business. Such legal assistance shall  
18 include, but not be limited to, providing advice and assistance on the form of business entity, the  
19 availability of tax credits and other assistance for which the business may qualify as well as helping  
20 the person apply for such assistance.

21 [8.] 9. The authority may provide or facilitate loans or guaranteed loans for the business  
22 including, but not limited to, loans from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural  
23 Development Program, subject to availability. Such financial assistance may only be provided to  
24 feasible projects, and for an amount that is the least amount necessary to cause the project to occur,  
25 as determined by the authority. The authority may structure the financial assistance in a way that  
26 facilitates the project, but also provides for a compensatory return on investment or loan payment to  
27 the authority, based on the risk of the project.

28 [9.] 10. The authority may provide for consulting services in the building of the physical  
29 facilities of the business.

30 [10.] 11. The authority may provide for consulting services in the operation of the business.

31 [11.] 12. The authority may provide for such services through employees of the state or by  
32 contracting with private entities.

33 [12.] 13. The authority may consider the following in making the decision:

34 (1) The applicant's commitment to the project through the applicant's risk;

35 (2) Community involvement and support;

36 (3) The phase the project is in on an annual basis;

37 (4) The leaders and consultants chosen to direct the project;

38 (5) The amount needed for the project to achieve the bankable stage; and

39 (6) The [projects] project's planning for long-term success through feasibility studies,  
40 marketing plans and business plans.

41 [13.] 14. The department of agriculture, the department of natural resources, the department

1 of economic development and the University of Missouri may provide such assistance as is  
2 necessary for the implementation and operation of this section. The authority may consult with other  
3 state and federal agencies as is necessary.

4 [14.] 15. The authority may charge fees for the provision of any service pursuant to this  
5 section.

6 [15.] 16. The authority may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.

7 [16.] 17. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is  
8 created under the authority delegated in sections 348.005 to 348.180 shall become effective only if it  
9 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section  
10 536.028. All rulemaking authority delegated prior to August 28, 1999, is of no force and effect and  
11 repealed. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to repeal or affect the validity of any rule filed  
12 or adopted prior to August 28, 1999, if it fully complied with all applicable provisions of law. This  
13 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
14 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are  
15 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or  
16 adopted after August 28, 1999, shall be invalid and void."; and

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18 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
19 accordingly.